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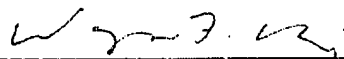
Claims 1-39 were originally presented in the subject application. In response to a restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elected claims 1-14, 19-27 and 29-37 for prosecution, in a response dated January 13, 2006. Claims 1, 19 and 29 were amended in an Amendment and Response to Office Action dated June 28, 2006. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 21, 2006, claims 15-18, 28, 38-39 have hereinabove been amended to indicate a status of "Withdrawn" instead of "Original." No claims have herein been added or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-39 remain in this case, with claims 1-14, 19-27 and 29-37 being substantively examined.

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, Applicant maintains that the claims of the subject application define patentable subject matter and earnestly requests allowance of claims 1-14, 19-27 and 29-37.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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